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SUBJECT: COST AND IMPLEMENTATION OF UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINA
REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: (A) BANGKOK 16813; (B) GENEVA 6294 AND 6312

1. AT TIME OF NEGOTIATIONS UNHCR REPS BELIEVED IT PRUDENT
TO KEEP FIGURE LOW IN ORDER TO STIMULATE FAVORABLE
RESPONSES FROM RTG. THE \$3.1 MILLION AMOUNT WAS
CONSIDERED AS PUMP-PRIMING IN HOPE THAT RTG WOULD
CONSIDER FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS DURING UPCOMING RTG BUDGET
DISCUSSIONS. AFTER REPS RETURN TO GENEVA, A THOROUGH
STUDY OF REQUIREMENTS, BASED ON UNHCR EXPERIENCE IN SUCH
OPERATIONS, RESULTED IN ESTIMATES AS STATED IN REFTELS B.

2. RE PARA 1 REF A, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN \$3.1 NEED AND
\$500,000 AVAILABILITY BELIEVED TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY
RTG. WHILE CONTRACT IS FOR \$3.1 MILLION, UNHCR
MADE IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT FOR \$500,000
BECAUSE THIS SUM WAS AVAILABLE. THE REST MUST BE
COLLECTED IN CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. AS UNHCR INTENDED INFORMATION REPORTED IN
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REFTELS B ONLY REPEAT ONLY FOR USG, RECOMMEND NO

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF UNHCR FIGURES WITH RTG.
UNHCR CONCERNED THAT PREMATURE RELEASE OF DATA
TO RTG MAY JEOPARDIZE NEW UNHCR REPS BARGAINING
POSITION.DALE

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